

Subject No. 267.

Waddar cart-loads to be charged at half the rates for ordinary country cart-loads.

Mr. Lashminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar Taluk.
" Vishakantappa of Gundlupet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a good number of waddar carts in this taluk. The capacity of these is half of the country carts. Such being the case, the Forest Department levy the same license fee on both cart-loads. The tolls too are similarly levied at the Hassanurghati and Marahalli market toll gates. The waddar carts cannot hold more than half of what the country carts can hold. This is really a hardship. It is therefore proposed to charge the waddar carts with only half the rates prescribed for country carts.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator will be asked to enquire into the practice and regulate it in accordance with the notification (G. O. No. 682-9-67-80) of 4th May 1903 if any deviation exists in the Chamrajnagar Taluk. There is already a rule that the rate for waddar cart-load is only half of that for ordinary cart-load.

Subject No. 268.

Discontinuance of levy of seigniorage on fire-wood.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya,
M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa
and Anantharajaiya of the
Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the levy of seigniorage on firewood carts at the ookkads may be discontinued.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 269.

Discontinuance of the contract system for the removal of fuel from State Forests.

Mr. Dawood Khan of Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of fuel from the State Forests is now worked under a system of contract. This is a source of loss to the Government and to the public. The system may be discontinued and licenses to fell and cart fuel granted to individual applicants.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be altered unless very strong reasons are assigned to the Conservator of Forests in support of the proposed change.

Subject No. 270.

Cutting green jungle wood for fuel purpose.

Mr. Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government have prohibited the cutting of green jungle wood for fuel. Green wood is required for the raiyats for boiling arecanut and manufacturing jaggery, &c., and dry wood for home consumption. It is therefore requested that the raiyats may be allowed to cut and remove for fuel green jungle wood trees which are unfit for any other purpose.

Reply of Government.—Representation may be made to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 271.

Reduction of fees for grazing in State Forests.

Mr. Guru Rao.
" Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.
" Srikantaiya of the Maddagiri Taluk.
" C. Narayanasami Setti, Chikballapur Taluk.
" Subba Rao, of the Heggadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Forest authorities have since raised the rate of fees to 8 annas for each cattle grazing in State Forest. This causes hardship to the poor raiyats. It is requested that fees may be reduced to two annas per head of cattle.

(2) Pray that the raiyats may be allowed to graze their cattle in State Forests free of cost.

Reply of Government.—The rates for grazing in State Forests are:—

Ordinary rates

Cows and Oxen	...	..	4 as. per head
Buffaloes	..	..	8 as.